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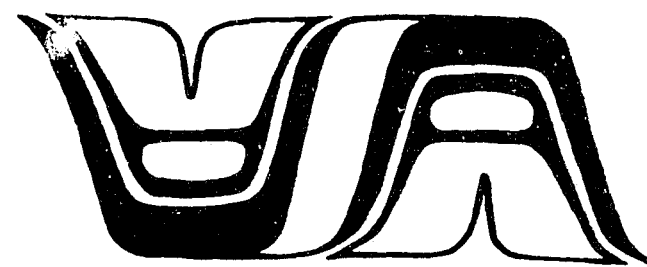
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## Instructors win arbitration case; terms unsettled

BY MIKE HINMAN  
WHALESONG STAFF

Former community college faculty members won a victory from an arbitrator recently, but the benefits remain unclear.

The community college faculty lost their bargaining power when the university system was reorganized in 1987.

The Alaska Community Colleges Federation of Teachers (ACCFT), Local 2404, has to be recognized by the University of Alaska, according to the decision of Tim Bornstein, arbitrator between the ACCFT and the University of Alaska, handed down on Jan. 5.

The decision affects the five full-time marine technology instructors on the University of Alaska Southeast campus, according to Eric Leegard, a marine technology instructor for the University of Alaska Southeast.

"It (the decision) doesn't change our working conditions,"

said Leegard.

The union stopped representing the majority of the university faculty in 1980 when the University of Alaska, Juneau came into existence.

The ongoing dispute between the ACCFT and the University of Alaska is over the combining of the three University of Alaska campuses and the 11 community colleges into three regional universities in July, 1987.

The only community college left in Alaska is the Prince William Sound Community College in Valdez. It was left as a community college because over 50 percent of the money to support the college comes from oil revenues, according to Leegard.

The dispute the union had with the university was whether the union's collective bargaining agreement was violated. The union represented about 285 community college faculty

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## Tanning salon plans to offer UAS discount

BY CHARLI COLLINS  
WHALESONG STAFF

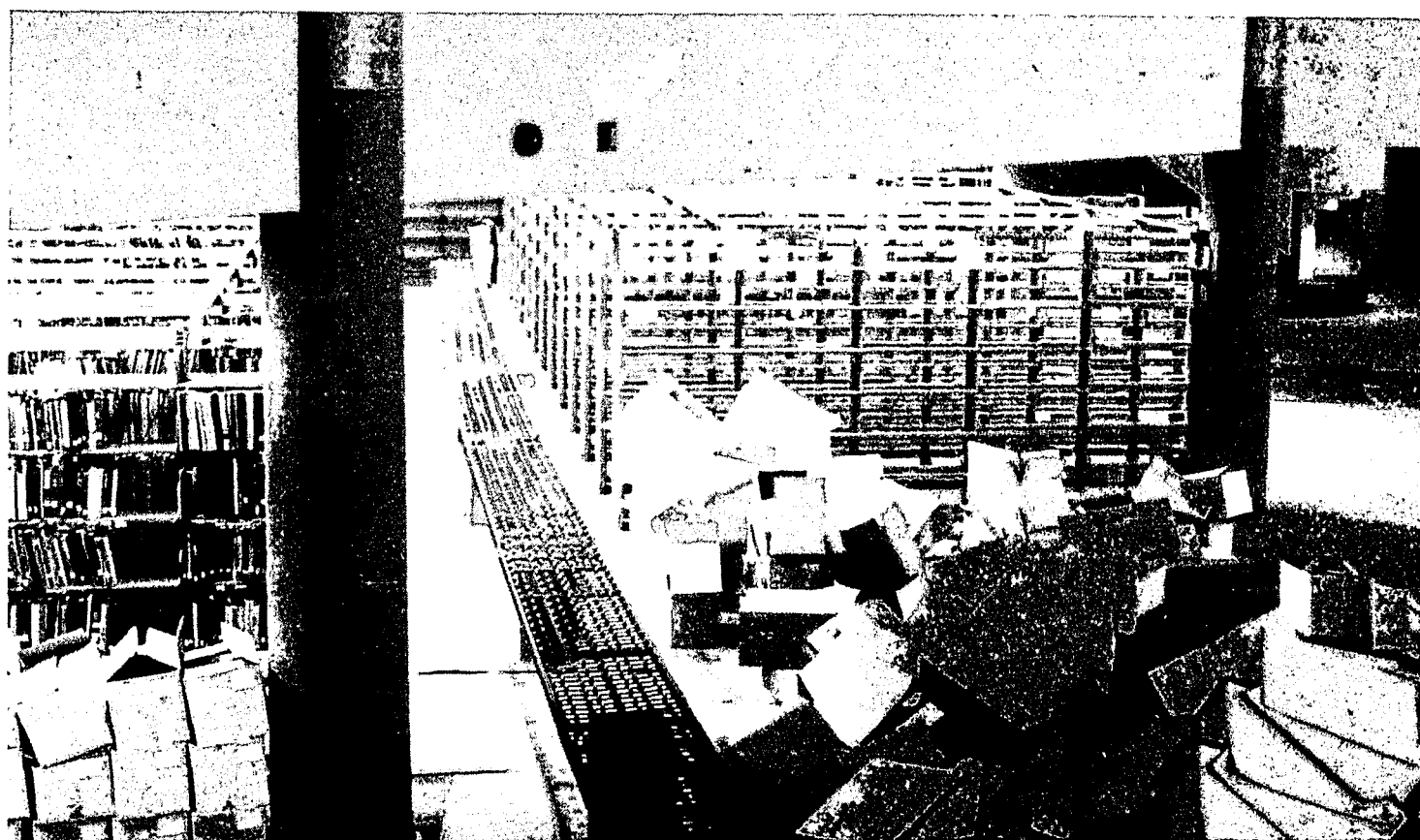
Two years ago Northern Hot Spots, a local tanning and hot tubbing business, sold UAS students discounted tans, but the good deal turned bad, at least for the business, according to Melanie Melvin owner and manager of the salon.

"I was offering low-cost tans to students basically out of the kindness of my heart, because I wasn't making any money off of it," Melvin said.

The tickets were purchased by students in blocks of 10 for \$15 from the UAS cashier in the Maurant Building.

Melvin said she would like

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Books are moved into the new Egan Library by conveyor belt over the break.

Photo by Mike Hinman

## New library pleases students

BY MIKE HINMAN  
WHALESONG STAFF

The newest structure on campus, the Egan Library, is now open.

There are a few things that need to be cleared up, but the library is receiving a warm reception, according to Mike Herbison, library director.

"I know the use is up. There were 13 or 14 people waiting at the door on Saturday, at the beginning of the semester. That's never happened before," said Herbison.

There is minor work that needs to be done. The electrical system needs some minor reworking, and the media center needs some of its television equipment to make it fully operational.

"The major things that the students will notice is the chairs," said Herbison.

Herbison expects the chairs, about 200 of them, to be

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Books await shelving at the Egan Library.

Photo by Mike Hinman

## Student government computer disappears

BY SHAWN PAUL  
WHALESONG STAFF

All I want for Christmas is a new Macintosh computer. This common wish among college students recently came true for University of Alaska

Southeast (UAS) student Clay Myers, courtesy of the United Students of the UAS, sort of.

USUAS members didn't know of their generosity until around Jan. 11, said USUAS Advisor Tish Griffin.

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## USUAS to undergo face lift

BY SHAWN PAUL  
WHALESONG STAFF

To open the Spring semester the United Students of the University of Alaska Southeast (USUAS) will undergo a face lift. Three of last semester's members Jeri Cari,

Clay Myers and Barbara Seatter will no longer hold student government offices.

Jeri Cari has resigned as secretary due to a "financial need to work," she said.

Clay Myers, former upper-division student representative has relocated to Eugene,

Oregon.

Barbara Seatter recently resigned her post as Legislative Affairs Coordinator stating, "I didn't feel like I had the time nor sufficient energy to cover the job. It needs somebody to be 100 percent committed."

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# Finnish exchange student is never homesick

BY SHAWN PAUL  
WHALESONG STAFF

If Mikaela Ericsson could take one thing from Juneau back to her native land of Finland, it would be "the nature, it is really something beautiful with all the mountains and the glaciers."

Ericsson, an exchange student brought to Juneau and the University of Alaska Southeast by the International Rotary Club, said she enjoys Juneau's beauty because, it is quite different from her home town of Vasa, situated in the middle of the west coast of Finland.

She became involved in the Rotary program because her "family has had exchange students, and because I love to travel and see different cultures." The Tlingit culture in Alaska particularly interests her because, "in Scandinavia everyone is Scandinavian, but

her you see different races and cultures in one small city."

Ericsson, who has visited several Alaskan towns, would recommend other foreign

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exchange students come to Alaska as long as they live in the larger communities, such as Juneau. "There is always something to do here."

For Ericsson this is certainly no understatement. "I don't ever have time to be homesick."

Her recent activities include starring as the princess in Janice Holst's production of the "Grumpsicle," as well as French lessons, aerobics and several projects set up by the Rotary Club members. Ericsson, who speaks four languages and who

is well traveled, would like to see more of the world. She plans to visit several small villages in Alaska before leaving July 26 to tour California.

Afterward she will attend the School of Economics at the University of Helsinki. This might imply that she has done well in Mathematics. In fact her prior education has provided, "All the math that is available at this university." Ericsson has not yet attended a Finnish university.

Besides the differences in scholastics, Ericsson has had to adjust to the rain and isolation experienced in Juneau. The social scene here also has presented some minor changes for her to deal with.

"People are so open about themselves here. In Europe you don't tell perfect strangers your life story at the bus stop. We are more reserved," she said.



Photo by Gregory Norman

Mikaela Ericsson an exchange student from Finland, has aspirations to work in international business and travel the world.

# Regents approve pay hike, consider student fees

BY WHALESONG STAFF

The University of Alaska Board of Regents at their last meeting in December approved a compensation policy, which provides a minimum 3 percent annual salary increase for classified positions, administrative professional and

technical positions and full- and part-time faculty.

The policy differs from previous policy in that it provides separate salary structures for different employee groups and a minimum annual salary progression that will not be solely dependent upon the legislature for funding.

The policy had raised opposition of some students on the Juneau campus out of concern for how the regents would find the extra money to fund the pay raises.

According to Edee Rohde, director of information services for the university, the regents

also adopted a new executive salary structure. The schedule applies to the president and vice presidents and the chancellors of the university, but does not adjust the salaries of any of the incumbents in the positions. The salary schedule extends from a low of \$75,564 for vice presidents to a possible high of \$159,240 for the president. Donald O'Dowd, current president, has already announced his intention to retire at the end of this school year. Salaries of

the individuals who hold the positions fall into the lowest quarter of the various levels of the new schedule.

A compensation structure for students was discussed and will again be dealt with in February, said Rohde.

In other action the board discussed how the University of Alaska Anchorage is carrying out its community college mission. It also adopted a scientific misconduct policy,

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## UA regents to discuss community colleges

BY WHALESONG STAFF

The next meeting of the University of Alaska Board of Regents will be held in Juneau.

The regents are scheduled to meeting in Juneau from Feb. 22-24 to discuss a host of issues including the community college mission statement for the University of Alaska Southeast.

Other topics on the agenda include the university's six-year plan, programs to expedite teacher licensing, revenue projections, the status by then of the university's capital and operating budget requests for next year, land development

plans, the retirement incentive program and efforts to implement a host of plans, including the compensation policy approved in December and the tuition policy revision.

The Alaska WAMI medical instruction program also will be discussed.

The regents will hold a day of committee meetings on Thursday, Feb. 22, followed by the full board's meeting starting at about 8 a.m. Friday, Feb. 23 at the Westmark Baranof Hotel, 127 N. Franklin St., downtown. Information on the meeting can be obtained by calling Julie Chavez at 474-7908,

## Briefly

**Poetry reading session scheduled:** Former Alaska Poet Laureate Sheila Nickerson will present a reading entitled, "Louder than words," A Reading in Celebration of Literacy and Free Expression from 7 to 9 p.m. Feb. 5 at the Juneau Public Library, downtown. The program is sponsored by the

Southeast Alaska Literacy Program

**Creative Visualization class planned:** There will be a class in creative visualization weekly on Thursdays this semester starting Feb. 1 in Room 103 of the Hendrickson Annex. The class will run from 1:30 a.m. until 11:50 a.m. with Shana Horman leading the program.

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## Sparse crowd treated to Lady Whales come back

BY GREGORY NORMAN  
WHALESONG STAFF

In case no one has noticed, and by the size of the crowds they probably haven't, the University of Alaska Southeast Lady Whales basketball team played the Central Washington University Wildcats at Juneau-Douglas High School gymnasium Tuesday night.

The fans in attendance, estimated at about 150, were treated to the best team performance of the season, and a dramatic comeback victory, 77-75.

"I think it's the most important game we've ever played in our existence," said Lady Whales Coach Sandy Morgan.

Trailing 39-34 at half time, the Ladies came out in the second half with their pressure defense creating steals and forcing the Wildcats into making bad decisions with the ball. The catalyst of the defensive performance was Mary Force, who was credited with five steals, while chipping in 15 points and going eight out of

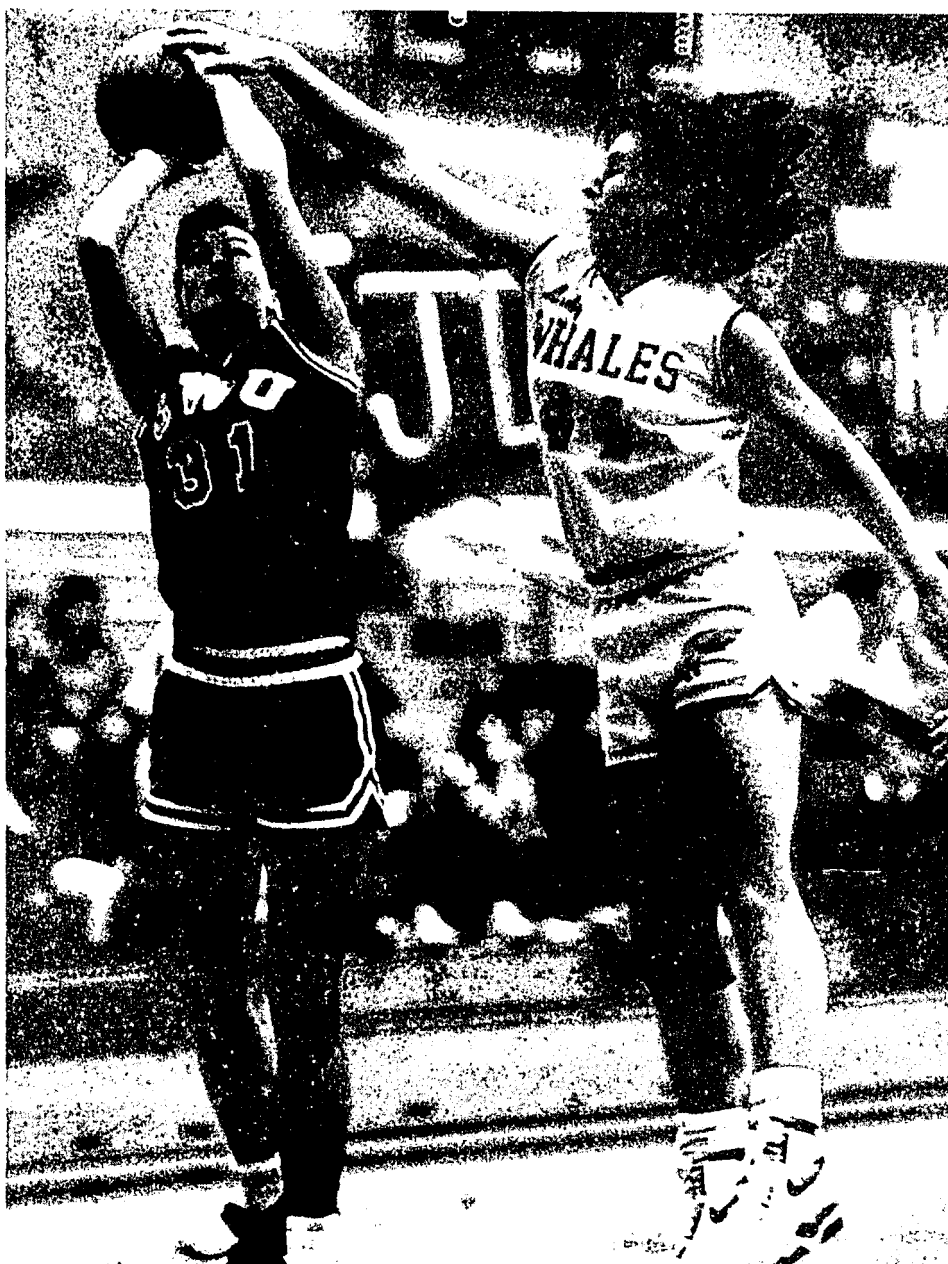
nine from the free-throw line. Her key theft came off an inbound's pass with six seconds on the clock to seal the win.

But the story of the game was Junior center Jennifer Mannix, who in her home debut, displayed a powerful inside game on both ends of the floor in the confidence the players have in each other, and themselves.

She had an exceptional game in all aspects, and is getting more and more confidence in her knee, which underwent surgery this fall, said Morgan.

"We feel really good about ourselves as a team," said Morgan. "We are working well as a team, and it shows on the floor. She physically punished the smaller Wildcat players enroute to a game high 27 points. She also added six rebounds, six blocked shots and two steals.

In addition to the outstanding performances turned in by Mannix and Force, Mercedes Angerman dominated the inside, snaring a game high 17 boards and dumping in 18



Lady Whales' center Jennifer Mannix blocks Centrals' Darcy Riley in a 77-75 victory in Juneau Tuesday.

points. While Karn Mercer continued to show her consistency, scoring in double figures.

The Lady Whales' next home game is Feb. 12, against Sheldon Jackson College at 8 p.m. in the JDHS gymnasium.

## Whales split over holidays

BY MIKE HINMAN  
WHALESONG STAFF

The University of Alaska Southeast Lady Whales went 3-3 over the Christmas break, taking third in two tournaments.

The first half of the season was a learning experience, according to Lady Whales Coach Sandy Morgan.

"Everyone got a lot of experience, because of being short-handed due to injuries.

The first game was at home against Whitman College.

The Lady Whales were nipped by Whitman, 66-60.

They then traveled on a five game, two-tournament road trip.

The first game of the University of Puget Sound Tournament saw the return of Jennifer Mannix from knee surgery, scoring 13 points.

The Lady Whales played the Central Washington Wildcats, out of Ellensburg.

The Lady Whales led by 17 at one point during the first half. The lead dwindled and disappeared followed by a deficit. The end of the game saw the Lady Whales down by 13.

The following night, the Lady Whales faced Northwest Nazarine College of Nampa, Id.

Kris Dolquist was fouled with six seconds left and tied the game from the foul line, sending it into overtime.

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## Men's basketball team loses two players

BY CHARLI COLLINS  
WHALESONG STAFF

The UAS men's basketball team won their Christmas and New Year's games, but fell short in the five other games they played over the break, bringing their season record to 3-15.

The Whales as they enter the second half of the season find themselves running short of ammunition after losing their team captain Jerry Walther and their point guard Jon Ham.

"My basketball career is probably over with now," Walther said Wednesday night.

He has been dealing with health problems since early December. Walther will be dropping his classes this Friday and leaving for Seattle to be hospitalized with an undisclosed ailment next week, he said.

Ham said he is quitting, "...basically because I've had

enough of losing," he said.

"We don't have a chance to win, because we don't practice and we're out of shape," Ham said.

Walther's and Ham's withdrawals from the squad bring the roster down to five.

The team scored over 100 points against Shedon Jackson and Simpson Colleges on Dec. 20 and Jan. 4 respectively.

"We seem to win every game we score over 100 in," said Assistant Coach Kevin Casperson.

The team lost by "a wide margin" against the University of California Riverside on Jan. 7, and again to Christi

Heritage in California on Jan. 11, Casperson said.

Last weekend Central Washington and Lewis Clark State sunk the Whales with back to back 40-plus-point victories.

"One of the biggest problems we have right now is a severely limited bench," Casperson said.

He said most teams have had nearly twice the bench strength as the Whales.

"Also, no one has stepped forward as a team leader. Every team needs a leader to get people motivated by example. Like Michael Jordan, who is

explosive and vocal and leads by that example," Casperson said.

## UAS enrollment remains same, compared to '89 winter semester

The winter 1990 semester is underway at the University of Alaska, Southeast and if it

seems about like last year as far as students there is a good reason.

While the final figures aren't in, according to the Public Information office, enrollment this winter as of Jan. 17 stood at 1,430 students, just seven fewer than at the same time last year.

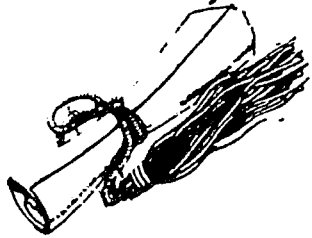
Since late registration was still to be tabulated and since a number of classes won't get underway until later this month enrollment for the semester is likely to grow substantially, said Barb Mecum.



Photo by Gregory Norman

During a holiday game in Juneau, Lady Whales' point guard Mary Force passes off in the lane.

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around the state. The community college faculty were "transferred" to the university system during the reorganization.

The university refused to recognize the union as representing the transferred faculty.

The union contended that the bargaining unit remained intact despite the restructuring because the classloads, offices, or locations did not change.

The decision by Bornstein says the university violated the collective bargaining agreement "when it withdrew recognition from the union and repudiated

the collective bargaining contract on July 1, 1987."

While placing the blame, Bornstein did not set any award for the union, but left any discrepancies for the ACCFT and the University of Alaska to go to the bargaining table to settle.

The compensation policy passed by the University of Alaska Board of Regents in December says, "provisions of this policy shall not be applicable to bargaining unit members."

As members of the bargaining unit, ACCFT, the instructors are not eligible to the 3 percent pay raise or the compensation structure.

"It should be interesting," said Leegard.

## Tanning

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to offer students the same deal again, if the misunderstanding that came about two years ago that caused her salon problems can be cleared up.

According to Melvin, several students, who were not interested in tanning, thought their activities fees were being used to subsidize tickets and became upset enough to call her and complain.

Lisa Pascetti of UAS Accounts Receivable said, "I think if students were mad, she should have sent them to us. She was offering a great service. She shouldn't have had to deal with a lot of flack."

All UAS students, both part- and full-time, are charged a \$10 activity fee each semester. The money is put into student government's budget to help

fund the various functions sponsored by it throughout the year.

The money for the tans, however, came *only* from the pockets of those students who participated in the deal. Student government merely put it together.

"It was real positive. We sold a lot of tickets. The students seemed loved it. We never had any complaints," said Pascetti.

She said the procedure was not at all time consuming for the cashiers.

"Clay Myers, who was the vice president of student government at the time, orchestrated the whole thing and saw to it that we had enough tickets," said Pascetti.

Melvin said she hopes to resume the offer to allow UAS students to get an early hint of summer by later this winter.

## Library

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unloaded from the barge on Tuesday. Other library accessories due in are 25 to 30 table lamps and lights for the carols and tables.

The other major ingredient missing from the library is art. The art is solely Southeast Native style, according to Herbison.

Some of the art will not make it in until summer. The art includes house posts, raven tale blankets, and a few carvings

from Nathan Jackson, a well known local artist, according to Herbison.

The library has an agreement with student council. If the usage is up during normally slack hours, then the hours will increase, according to Herbison.

Herbison says he thinks that the Egan Library will win an architecture award, but more importantly, he says he thinks the students like it.

"They're very pleased with what they're seeing," said Herbison.

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Myers position has already been filled as per the USUAS constitution, which allows a vacated seat to be filled by a nominated student receiving two-thirds majority vote of the student government.

USUAS Advisor Tish Griffin said, Kevin Farrell was elected unanimously to become

the new upper-division representative.

Cari's and Seatter's positions are still vacant.

USUAS President Dutch Knight said, "We are in the process of considering appointments for those positions. If there is anyone interested they can contact the activities office, a student government member or leave a message at our office."

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UAS student Greg Norman said, "Myers told me he borrowed the computer to finish a class and that he would return it before he left."

It seems Myers borrowed the computer without proper authority or notification, Griffin said.

Griffin adds, "To the best of

my knowledge it has never been policy for anyone to check out computer equipment."

Upon realization that the Macintosh had been removed from the student government office in the Maurant Building, the UAS property clerk was notified and a missing property report was filed.

As of Wednesday the computer was "in his old bedroom setting on a T.V. tray," said Norman.

The Whalesong attempted to contact Myers, who according

to friends is in Eugene, Ore., but he could not be reached for comment.

USUAS President Dutch Knight said, "It is disappointing to have to deal with this type of situation."

Griffin said, however, "I doubt if there was malicious intent."

She said, however, that it seemed appropriate to her that the issue of the computer's disappearance would be raised at the next student government meeting.

## Basketball

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Mary Force, held scoreless during regulation time, scored nine of the Lady Whales 12 points in overtime.

The Lady Whales edged NNC, 74-70.

Mannix was named and Kris Dolquist was nominated to the All-Tournament Team.

The team then traveled to the Southern California Tournament where they faced the University of Western New Mexico.

The game was marked by

the worst half of the season, according to Morgan. The Lady Whales scored only 15 points in the first half.

The 84-52 loss was highlighted by Jonna Ashenfelter's four for five performance from three-point range, ending the game with 16 points.

In the consolation round, the Whales squeaked by Mesa State University, 66-65.

Ashenfelter sank a shot with 10 seconds left. Mesa brought the ball down the court against a full-court press and put

up a last-second shot, missing.

Karn Mercer scored 20 points while Mercedes Angerman added 18 points, 10 rebounds and 5 assists. Angerman also was named to the All-Tournament Team.

The close-out game of the trip was against Christ College in Irvine, Calif.

The whales won "convincingly" and played very well, according to Morgan.

The whales trounced Christ College, 73-44 with Mannix scoring 21 and Dolquist adding 16.

# BRIEFLY

**Mining in Juneau program set:** Two programs on Mining in Juneau and how it will affect residents will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. Jan. 30 and again Jan. 31 at the Hendrickson Building, Room 113 of the Auke Lake campus. The first program will feature representatives of Echo Bay Exploration and the university's Institute of Mining Technology who will discuss opening of the Alaska-Juneau gold mine downtown. The next night the group, Alaskans for Juneau, will discuss their questions about reopening of the mine. The events are being sponsored by the UAS Student Government and Student Activities. Coffee will be provided.

**Intramurals for spring proposed:** UAS has proposed a series of intramural events for the spring semester. The first of the events is set for Feb. 2 and will be a night at the Racquetball Club. The second event is set for March 11 and will be a night of bowling at Channel Bowl. The third event will be a Pool Party at the Augustus Brown pool downtown at March 2, while a fourth event is set for another night at the Juneau Racquet Club on April 6. The fifth event is another pool party set for April 20, while a basketball gym night at Gym 3 is set for April 22. For information on the intramural program, estimated to cost \$1,123, students can call Harold Pilcher,

intramural coordinator 789-4528.

**Kayaking symposium planned:** A first ever mid-winter kayaking symposium will be held Feb. 2 and 3 in Juneau. Eric Soares, who kayaks by choice in the danger zone where surf meets rocks, is the featured speaker. Soares is a member of the "Tsunami Rangers." He will present a public slide and video tape show on Feb. 2 and will present a day-long seminar on Saturday at McPheters Hall. For information call Scott Foster at 586-6466 or Linda Daniel at 586-9708.

**Help select a teacher:** The UAS Education Department is encouraging education students to help select a new faculty member. Finalists for the Elementary Language Arts position will model their teaching style and answer student questions during noon-time sessions on Feb. 2 and Monday, Feb. 5 in the student study room in the Maurant Building. All education students are welcome to attend.

**Future Alaska teachers:** Bonnie Brody, director of Alaska's Teacher Placement Office at the University of Alaska Fairbanks, will be at UAS to answer questions about teacher placement in an open meeting and individual conferences. The open meeting will run from 4 to 6 p.m. Feb. 5 in Room 206 of

the Hendrickson Building. Individual conferences will run on Feb. 5 following the meeting. To schedule a chat with Brody call Sue at 789-4429.

**Jazz Concert and Dance set:** There will be a Jazz concert and dance featuring the Mel Flood Big Band and guest artist Bruce Paulson. Paulson is the lead trombonist of the Johnny Carson Tonight Show band. He will appear at 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 3 at Centennial Hall. Tickets are \$12 for adults in advance, students paying \$10. The tickets are \$15 for all at the door.

**Free computer seminars:** The University of Alaska Southeast's Academic Computing Center is offering a series of free computer seminars to help students learn how to learn computers. Students can contact the lab at 789-4521 or visit the lab at Room 223 of the Whitehead Building to review the schedule of pending classes.

**Songwriters' Workshop 90 planned:** The Alaska Songwriters Association in Southeast will present songwriters' workshop 90 starting at 7 p.m. Feb. 12 at Centennial Hall, downtown. In addition to the presentation by a speaker, a cassette song evaluation will be held. Only one song per cassette is permitted and there is a \$5 entry-admission fee. The event is being sponsored by ASCAP, M&M Music and the Alaska Songwriters' Association-Anchorage. The speaker will be Ron Sobel, director of the Repertory.